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- 1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JANUARY 16, 1978 LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER.
- 3. I SHARE YOUR PLEASURE AT THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS BETWEEN AMBASSADORS USHIBA AND STRAUSS. WE OWE THEM BOTH A LARGE DEBT. THE AGREEMENT THAT THEY HAVE CONCLUDED UNDERLINES THE WILL AND ABILITY OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE CLOSELY IN PROMOTING A HEALTHY WORLD ECONOMY. IT ALSO POINTS THE WAY TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING TRADE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES; AND I AM GLAD THAT IT INCLUDED PROVISION FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS TO THIS END. I AM CONFIDENTIAL

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ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE LARGE PERSONAL ROLE THAT YOU PLAYED IN HELPING TO MAKE ALL THIS POSSIBLE.

4. I SHOULD BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU HERE, AS AMBASSADOR TOGO HAS SUGGESTED, BEFORE THE SUMMIT. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT ABOUT POSSIBLE SPECIFIC DATES THAT MIGHT BE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT.

5. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CLOSE CONCERT BETWEEN US IN ADVANCING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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